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# Long Says Murder Plot Involved Lowest Persons

## Declares No Official of U.S. Involved

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Sen. Russell B. Long said here Friday that he does not feel a conspiracy to kill President John F. Kennedy was perpetrated by "any one holding high position in the United States government."

Long added he feels it was done "by the lowest, unworthy individuals possible" and said that he feels District Atty. Jim Garrison thinks so also.

In a far-ranging interview following his speech to the first Louisiana Science and Industry Procurement Conference at the Fontainebleau Motor Hotel, Long also revealed that if the voting were today, he would vote for Gov. John J. McKeithen. "He has made a fine governor," said Long. But, Long said he reversed the right to change his mind before the first primary in November.

### FBI HAS FACTS

Long, who put a bug in Garrison ear to re-open the Kennedy assassination investigation, said that the Federal Bureau of Investigation probably has some information that would prove what Garrison has been saying concerning a conspiracy. "I think the FBI information will be made available, if not immediately, in due course, said Long.

Concerning the Warren Commission Report, Long said the assassination investigation should not stop there.

"District attorneys and law enforcement officials in various cities and counties might check what the commission report says about their locales; and if they find something different or know differently, then they would do well to investigate," said Long.

Long also told of a plane trip on which he and Garrison talked of the assassination. "I told Mr. Garrison that I thought someone beside Lee Harvey Oswald was involved in the assassination," began Long. "And I guess I will until my dying day.

"My main thought was that the first shot should be the best shot because the man shooting would be tracking the target with his sight. But the first shot was only fair, the second shot missed and the third shot was perfect."

Long said he told Garrison that, if he were investigating, he would find out who the best rifelman in the world were and see which one was in Dallas, Tex. ,the day of the assassination.

"Garrison asked me what would be the motive," continued Long. "I told him that I thought there are probably 10,000 to 50,000 people in the country who are stupid and sinister enough to do the act. They wouldn't need a motive."

Long said he does not think the Warren Commission conspired to withhold anything from the public. "They did their dtuy as the Good Lord showed them the light to do it," said Long. "But they just signed a report handed them by the FBI."

He admitted he is baffled by certain facts being locked up in the archives for 75 years. "The track will be pretty cold by then," said Long.

Long denied a possibility that a foreign country was involved in the plot.

### NOT CONVINCED

"I don't know what the FBI has," said Long, "but the fact remains I'm just not convinced. I haven't read all the Warren Commission report—just the part that interests me."

A reporter asked Long about the assassination of his father, former Gov. Huey P. Long. Sen. Long branded as ridiculous stories that continually crop up about the death of his father. "I don't like to talk of it," he added.

But Sen. Long said he feels "it was very clear who the assassin was." Sen. Long said his father was rational for six hours before his death and lived 36 hours after he was shot.

"A great number of people, about 100, talked to my father while he was still rational," said Long, "though I didn't get to him myself until he had lost his rationality."

Asked if he felt there was a conspiracy to assassinate his father, Long said, "My father made statements to me that he felt some people wanted to get rid of him. But then there were some people my father didn't like either. It was a fight both ways."

### 400 ATTEND

The procurement conference, arranged by Long's office and sponsored locally by Gulf South Research Institute and the Chamber of Commerce of the New Orleans Area, was described as "the largest of its kind in the nation" by GSRI president Dr. Bruce Graham. He said more than 400 people were in attendance.

Long told the conference that the Department of Defense allotted only one per cent of its business to Louisiana businessmen in 1966. "I want to see that up to at least four per cent," he said, in true pep-talk fashion.

On the national scene, Long said he hopes to get the seven per cent investment tax credit bill passed immediately. That drew a round of applause from the audience.

"The bill is being impeded by Sen. Albert Gore and that New York senator from Massachusetts—not Jacob Javits, what's his name? Oh, yes, Robert Kennedy," said Long with a smile.

Long took another snipe at Kennedy, saying Kennedy "is fighting for his political life." Long explained that his bill to help finance Presidential elections wold make it possible for "any mother's son" to run for President—not just the sons of millionaires. The last reference, he said, was to Bobby Kennedy and New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller.

The senator from Louisiana praised the Shreveport area for landing the General Electric plant and chided both Baton Rouge and New Orleans for letting the multi-million-dollar plant get away. "That chamber of commerce up there in Shreveport is really hustling," said Long. He said abundant and cheap labor and the lack of labor troubles were keys to Shreveport's obtaining the plant.

Long added he had the plant in mind when he and Gov. McKeithen teamed at the 1966 session of the Legislature to push through an industry inducement bill that gives industry a better break after 10 years.